

Town Escapes Storm Wrath of Floyd

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Harbormaster Don Beers has had a lot of experience in storm preparation so alerting residents to the potential hazards associated with Hurricane Floyd last week was routine business.

"People here know if we call and advise removing their boats we mean business. A tropical storm with southeast winds can be just as devastating as a hurricane. In three days over 400 boats were pulled," said Beers.

"We were prepared and we were lucky the storm bypassed us to the west. We were also

lucky the storm hit at low tide."

The town floats were all pulled and will be replaced once the course of the latest hurricane is determined, Beers said.

The peak of the storm hit around 4 pm last Thursday with sustained winds traveling about 40 mph causing 3 1/2 foot waves in Duxbury Harbor.

Several people had to be told to get out of the water including body and windsurfers.

The fire department reported no serious injuries and responded to a few isolated

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ing electrical short outs and smoke.

The schools cancelled all afternoon activities on Thursday but school was in session on Friday.

Resident Fran Nichols reported a downed cherry tree on her property at Eagles Nest Cove.

There were isolated power outages on Soule Ave.,

Standish Shore, Washington and Tremont streets but town Lands and Natural Resources Supt. Peter Buttkus said the town escaped with relatively little damage except for a few down tree limbs which highway crews removed.

"We were on alert all night but nothing much happened in the way of serious storm damage," he said. "We were lucky this time."

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Peter Lanman and John MacCallum helped remove even the small boats from the harbor in preparation for last Thursday's tropical storm.

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